ROD Hackney & Associates were this week "quite confi-dent" that the public inquiry Macclesfield as community architecture offices would find in their favour.

Hackney wants to keep th emiaee in Black Road and Roan Court as offices ao that architecta can work on site and be available for constant consultation with local residents.

Maccleafield council is opposing the use of two houses as

supervise the projects equally



Partners are to reconsider their

plans because of proposals for a

It also confirms that the new

plans for the North and West

of water retained in the basin.

sheffield architects Michael Hyde & Associsies have won the competition fo

the Tickhill community centre, West Riding.
Thirty-two submissions were received from archites is and stadents within the RtBA Yorkshire region. Prizes are being a warded today by the mayor of Tickhill and an exhibition of entries is currently on show locally.

The Atex Gordon Partnership were placed second. Joint third were James Thorp with Steven Morant god the O'Keefe Scanion Fry Parinership.

Limehouse Basin scheme being redesigned — official

HUNTING Gate's controversial development in London's Jenkin overruled his inspector docklands at Limchouse and granted the scheme outline Basia is to be redesigned. ning permission, shortly The landowner, British water

before leaving office. woys Board, states in its annual The inspector had said it was an overdevelopment and that report that orchitects Seifert & recreational opportunities would be lost and historic By John Wood buildings compromised or obacured by the new buildings.

Last month Jenkin outraged opponents of the scheme by

Scotstyle revisited

quays will increase the amount A BROCHURE on 1980s Scot-The controversy over the site tish architecture is to be published in the autumn as a joint venture between the Royal Incorporation of Architects in

Scotland and Marley Roof Tiles. Called Symbols of a Changing

A MAJOR road scheme In London's Docklands has orced the British Waterways Board to rethink its Scontroversial plans for the Limehouse Basin مسموسي ماللا المان والنساسة

claiming he had not been in the office when the decision had been taken, although the report had been on his desk for 14

Members of the Limehouse

the stereotyped view of modern

Garage veto

facilities on the site which has

Mechanical Engineering

Development Group, which is

against the scheme, and the

Town & Country Planning

Association have organised the

Limehouse petition to focus

LAMBETH planners have illustrate two points. They are how society is changing - as turned down plans to demolish seen in the types of buildings the Camberwell Odeon building that are being commissioned -and how different contemporand build a garage on the site. Councillors said they would prefer to see housing or leisure ary Scottish architecture is from

been vacant since 1982.

The institute's director of public affairs. David Atwell. and assistant Barbara Reidhave been in the city this week contacting local businesses to drum up support for the project. The institute's rules state that

a Cudat can only take place at the but although it was first announced in February this year, no invitation has yet been

RIBA pulls

out the

stops on

Cudat plan

THE RIBA has redoubled it

efforta to rescue its ailing Community Urban Develop-

ment Assistance Team initially

Some local reaidents now pelieve the RIBA is attempting to set up its own community group to secure the invitation. It was also hoped that the Hull school could be used as a base

Highlands and his departure could result in the main charges for the project with students being dropped. performing the majority of Practice manager Meyer has support work, but this may be heen suspended on full pay for The atudents have been an-

more than a year because councillors claimed he had lost gered by the RIBA's support for the closure of the architecture the confidence of Campbell and is fellow officers. schools at Huddersfield and Drummond, a senior archi-North East London Polytechnic and will probably boycott the CUDAT in protest.

The Cudst offers expertise

tect under Meyer, was accused of failing to obey managemen! talking to the press. but no cash. Al a meeting of the **BDP** beat

Suspended

architects

could win

iobs back

SUSPENDED Lambeth archi-

lects Herb Meyer and Mark Drummond could be reinstated

next month because their senior

officer - a prime mover behind the suspensions - is leaving I he

Borough development officer James Campbell is taking up

another post in the Scottish

Drypool Green Community Association it was suggested the £5,000 expenses for the weekend should be given to the community group which would off rivals then offer the trans lett accommodation. The RIBA is still

BUILDING Design Partner-ship and Speyhawk have won the architect/developer competition to develop the air rights above the City of London's Cannon Street Station.

Experts estimated that up to 50,000sq m of offices could fi bove the station.

Unsuccessful teams were Trafalgar House and Arup Associates, MEPC and GMW Partnership, Greycoal and Richard Rogers, the Cannon Street Group with Scott Brownrigg & Turner, the Lyaander Group and Eagle Star with Seiferl, and Rosehaugh Stan-

Apartheid meeting

HE inaugural meeting of UK Architects Against Apartheid will be held in London al 6pm on

hursday, September 18. Meeting House, 52 St Martins Lane WC2.

relary), 69G Abbey Road, London NW8 OAE.

Next issue

BD is taking its summer holiday next week, but will reture on August 29.

had bean done.

The weekly newspaper for the design team

CANCEL HULL CUDAT

DEMANDS HACKNEY

targetted area, Drypool.
"The Drypool Green Com-

munity Association voted unan-

imously not to invite them in and

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they should respect that decision

three elected councillors, they

are the only democratically

elected representatives of the

district, and the RIBA shouldn't

seek their permission and then

say they are not Iruly represen-

lative of the area when it is not

Hackney also criticised the

handling of the acheme. It was

announced in February but the

community representatives un-

"They still have not contacted

any of Drypool's councillors.

builds up expectations and then

vices not deliver," he said.
"He admits that the first CUDAT in Southampton "was

"Together with the area's

and withdraw," he said.

scheme set up in Hull.

the CUDAT next February.

RIBA can 'still withdraw with grace'

frontcally, his action simply spurred his eighbour on. Kim Wilson-Gough had the work finished within two days.

Sutton told BD ha was now hoping to solva the

Rogers for major new **Docklands** scheme

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RICHARD Rogers & Partners nave been hired by developers Rosehaugh Stanhope and Barclay House to draw up develop-ment proposols for Brunswick Power Station in Docklands.

up by the London Docklonds Development Corporation. The 6,5ha site has been at the

centre of a dispute between the LDDC and the station's owner, the Central Electricity Generating Board.

After the station closed in 1984 the LDDC made a comfor July this year.

wick Wharf, managed to scenry "They still have the chance to withdraw with grace. They should pull out and say to the order was withdrawn. community - we are here if you

Hackney said he would also target the scheme on the docks. where an urban development grant could be secured to help

A spokeswoman from the LDDC said the 1940s power put the team's plans into action. A spokeswoman for the RIBA said it was continuing station would probably be consultation with local groups demolished because it would not and still hoped to go ahead with be easy to refurbish and was not

The new lifeboal tial jos and slipway at Lyme Regis will be hull to the designs of Robert Griffio and Merin Ryas as a result of the compelition rus by Wast Dorsol Council, Their scheme will be faced in a lenf of Porliand stone with exposed potished stainless-steel ties and "serpemine" coarsing. The building contains facilities for the narrour master, coastguard and crew, with an attached boathouse as well as a small souvenir window. The three prizewinning schemes are illustrated on page 6.

The practice is to produce a nixed commercial, leisure and esidential scheme maximising the opportunities of a riverside site, in keeping with the Lea-

pulsory purchase order to secure the land for redevelopment, but disagreement over a price re-suhed in a public inquiry, fixed But the developers, who have set up a joint company, Bruns-

a contract from the CECK to develop the site on condition that the compulsory purchase The coo has now been with-

drawn and the developers have until next March to produce a scheme and put in a detailed planning proposal.

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make such a negative judgment. The Royal Fine Art Commis-

sion, which wanted something

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said the scheme was "unsatisfac-

tory, obtrusive and ungainly",

while English Heritage wanted a

Victorian replica", according la

A apokesman for the clients?
Thames Weler Authority hald
West minaten had made stranged

strange decision". He suspected

an internal conflict between councilors and planners

which looked directly into bis badroom.

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cel its plans for a Com- ampton.

support for the selection of Hull as a northern venue primary rules of a CUDAT

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according to the author

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This is despite his earlier

CLIVE Nicholson Associatea,

picr on the Thames at West-

minater, have accused the bo-

rough's planners of showing "an

ncredible amount of ignor-

ance" after their recommenda-

lion that planning permission

and listed building consent be

refused because of its "appear-

"We can't satisfy everyooe, but we won't redesign the pier

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ance, height and bulk".

esigners of a £6 million leisure

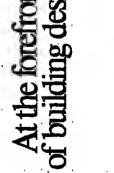
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Il was to ensura his oelgbbour abided by an agreement not to carry out alterations to the barn without bis consent.

More details from Glen AN architect attacked a building with a chainsawin Sutton said be could have had the work alopped extremely difficult to have the work aftered once it

He agreed to be bound ovar for six months for the sum of £50 and was ordered to pay costs of £25.











DoE lists telephone boxes

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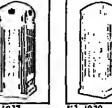
Eight telephone boxes have been listed by the DoE as being of special architectural or historical interest, and up to t00 could follow.

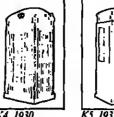
British Telecom is replacing telephone boxes with modorn equipment but together with the DoE and English Heritage it has decided to preserve around 100 pre-1939 examples throughout the country.

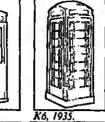
Those listed are a K1 model in Bembrid ge High Street, listed Wight; a row of fire K2 hloshs in Broad Court, Covent Garden; the only known example of a K3 model at the Parrot House, t.ondon Zoo; and a K4 at Worrington.











NHBC calls on architects **Acids hit** AS many as 20,000 homes in to aid standards campaign Birmingham could be affected by a chemical reaction attacking

their foundations. The properties affected have concrete sinb floors resting on colliery shale foundations. The shale was not properly burned House-Building Council to improve the standards of new

and a chemical reaction resulted when it came into contact with houses for sale are being the city's rising water lable, backed up by a campaign to creating sulphates. Inform architects of design The city has aiready allocated problem areas. £2.8m to repnir 20 blocks of flats

which have been badly hit. High Basil Bean, chief executive of levels of sulphates have been found in many of the city's 23,000 luw- and mediuni-rise blocks, but no survey lins yet heen corried out in private

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He said one of the minin

problem areas so fewer defects got through. At least half of oll defects occur in the design stage, independent surveys have

Besn wants to see more feedbock from people with onsite experience and in hoping for consultation with the RIBA and for more coverage of defect areos through the construction

The NHBC operates a 10thrusts of the new campnign was year warranty scheme providing

due to structural defects. More than 25,000 builders are registered and almost all new houses and flats are covered. The council's main power, if

By Alan Thompson

the product falls below an acceptable level or has major This has happened to 17 firms

interspace

The auditors will complement and oversee the 300 aite inspectors already employed by the council by making spot checka on random sites.

The initial period a builder is allowed for the correction of defects has been reduced from 30 to 14 days and a company's oppearance before a disciplin ary hearing must now be within six weeks.

defects found by inspectors on

site visits. New homes without

the NHBC certificate are usually

difficult to obtain mortgages

latter part of the year because

the council is tightening up its

procedures and is setting up a

team of four audit inspectors to

supervise standarda on new

This number could rise for the

The council hopes these measures will cut the massive £10 million payout it made for 3,000 claims last year.

STRATHCLYDE University has appointed Charles Robenson, now in private practice in Glasgow, as part-time professor in the department of architecture and building science.

His brief will be to help establish o centre for teaching research and consultancy in building angine research. son, now in private practice in

building engineering design The centre will support existing undergraduate courses in the engineering faculty and the new building engineering degree starting in October 1987.

Robertson was formerly director of the Architecture Research Unit at Edinburgh Universilv. professor of architecturest Mclbourne University, and chief executive of the National Building Agency of Scotland.

The greening of Lambeth

LAMBETH council has launched a new series of "greening" schemes with a week-long pilot project on the Tulse Hill Estate,

Locs | people will take part in weeding, clearing and pruping existing vegelation, painting benches, gravelling a footpath, putting up new fences, painting a mural and making a video about the week's activities.

Once the project is complete, pupils from Brockwell Junior School and a local adult residem will manage the ares.



This restored Victorian office bloch and now housing schome are joint when Shoffleld council'e new design awards. The competition was launched less spring to demonstrote the council'e commitment to better design.

Gladstone Buildings, — the office block restored by architects Hadfleld.

Cawkwell, Davidson & Partners, was praised on "an oxcellent example of

telening a familler tendenarh".

The new housing echeme, Lower Manor, was designed by the council a design

The judges eald the standard of entries was good, but the quality of andscaping lagged well behind that of buildings.



Revised Odeon plans fail Camden's screen test

PLANS for cinemas on the Swiss Cottage Odeon site in north London have come under fire from Camden council — for the third time,

The council says it is concerned about the loss of seats when the gen

The existing Odeon has a scaling capacity of 1,000. The new cinema screeos would only seal 550.

The developers, Markheoth Securities, have now agreed to provide total of 850 seats.

The cineman are part of a larger redevelopment which includes it fials, a small office suite, banking hall and underground car park.

The Thirlies Society has backed a call by the Cinema Thealte Association to have the Odeon's frontage preserved in redevelopment. Despite its colourful falence facede of Wambley Egyptian style, the Odeon has already been refused limited. Odeon has already been refused listing.

Strathclyde Listed buildings could block major Reading scheme

PLANS by Fitzroy Robinson for a major £20 million retail development in Reading could be dashed by the need to demolish two listed Georgian buildings and several more Victorian shops and houses in a conservation area.

Although the scheme has not yet been put in for planning ermission, developer London Edinburgh Trust has been holding extensive public consulation meetings showing proposals for the site to see how residents, conscription groups and council officials will react. The firm has been encouraged

used for retail storage ware-Local architect and Victorian

main opposition is likely to

come from the Georgian Group

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and Victorian Society, which are

sible loss of important buildings

Fitzroy Robinson are propo-

Minster Street and the River

Kennet, a run-down area mainly

in the area.

has criticised early stages of the plan, saying: "They do not make very good architectural sense."

In particular, he has criticised

circulation plans. The mall leads to the river and has no natural exit, so people are not free to move through the scheme freely. He criticised the demolition

both concerned about the posplans, saying that buildings in Minster Street and in Gun Street sing an atrium shopping centre scheme on a site between are part of Reading's heritage and should stay.

Major also pointed to the amount of unlet shopping space in the town centre and questioned whether another shopping development was necessary.



Taking to the streets

A community orchitecture initiative has been launched on the While City estate by the architect and building department of Hammersmith &

ulbam counell. The first stage has been consultation with the residents, using an exhibition on a hired London bue

Early worh will be capital ropnire involving roplacing roofs, windows and courtyard improvements.

Comments from residents included

complaints that the estate had been allowed to fall into such a state of disrepair and feers that the plonnod BBC building next door would help to turn the cetate into an island currounded by roeds.

Yorkshire rose

THE report on the RIBA Yorkshire region's owards (August 8) omitted the winnera of the White Rose Award. Richard Crooks of the William Walker Partnership was premiated for the offices and laboratories of the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley,

Ridley overrules housing advisers growth should be concentrated

ENVIRONMENT secretary Nicholas Ridley has rejected the advice of a panel of government experts and decided to limit the number of new homes built in south Hampshire to 57,100 over the next 10 years. House builders had asked the

Government to make provision for the construction of more than 74,000 units in the Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester areas. But following a report by a

team of experts, which recommended that 62,800 units should be allowed, Ridley plumped for Hampshire County Council's lower figure of 57, 100. He accepted the council's

vicw that south Hampshire would be a growth area in the South-esst up to 1996. Enough land must be allocated for it to carry out that role, but certain areas must be maintained as low nousing density areas, he said. Ridley recommended that raced seating areas.

in Totton, Chandler's Ford, Hedge End North and Farcham Western Wards, But he rejected his panel's recommendation to increase the housing provision

Off-Broadway show on road

BROADWAY Boulevard, des cribed in the blurb as London's "first purpose-bullt nightclub" will open next month in the basement of the multi-million pound Ealing Centre, west

The £2.5 million nightclub, designed by Harrow architects Graham Seabrook & Partners. boasts a sweeping staircase surrounding on exotic garden, a sunken dance floor, and ter-

Light railway set for £77m improvements

don'a Docklands - in particular the 900,000sq m of offices plaoned for Canary Wharf les forced major improvements o the £77 million Docklands at around £100 million. Light Rallway.

north of Tower Bridge to the Southern tip of Vice S southern tip of the Isle of Dogs. Bot the consortium behind AVON County Council's archi-Canary Wharf says it will only proceed if the railway is extended to an underground station to be built next to the Bank of England, Other improvements are

likely to include a strengthening of railway bridges, an increase

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RAPID development in Lon- in train capocity, and longer station platforms.

The Canary Wharf Consor tium could provide half the cost of the improvements, estimated

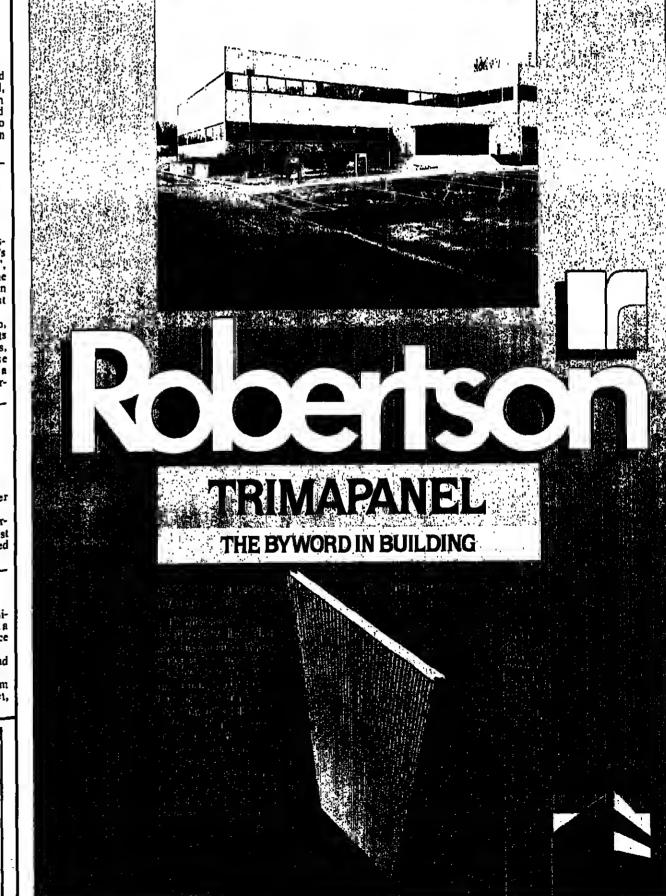
tecis department has produced a book about its own historysince foundation in 1974. It includes photographs and

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THE long-hidden subwoy of the

south London, was designed by Sir Charles Burry in 1861. The fine brickwork was intended to resemble the crypt of a medieval | slon for Scotland has launched

The Norwood Society (president Owen Luder) and the Crystal Palace Foundation, which are sponsoring the event, will also take the opportunity to or local authorities that many present their own schemes for redeveloping the site.

The Norwood Society wants the subway restored to house a restaurant or museum with a toll observation tower built above the aire of the exhibition hall, which was destroyed by fire in

The foundation is pushing to see the remains of Crystol Palace restored and opened to public view.

Lawyer for **NJCC** post

is the new secretary of the Committee for Building.

Blackmore was appointed December, 1985.

Commission slams sees light 'uninteresting' and Victorian Crystal Palace will be open for view on Sunday, September 7.

The brick-vaulted subway beneath Crystal Palace Porade,

The Royal Fine Art Commlsanother attack on the design quality of new schemes.

In its 10th report, the commission says: "It reflects no eredit on developers, architects proposals that come tous are for the replacement of good or nverage buildings or layouts by something worse, possibly much

The report, which covers the period from September 1982 to Angust 1985, includes praise for hree schemes: a leisure pool in Perth, housing and a childhood museum in Edinburgh, and

Town & City Praperlies.

a major shopping sebeme in the town centre.

Submissions must be in by late November.

The developers must include a maximum of 31,500sq m of shapping

GLAZING SYSTEMS: LET THERE BE LIGHT

proposals for the foot of the Mound in Edinburgh.

But it adds "in numerous the unwillingness of some other cases the standard of architects to examine thoroughly the possibilities of rehabilitadesign has been medioere and

By John Morrish

sites have been occupied by buildings that are, at best, uninteresting and anonymous" It says that architects have taken refuge in "what they think will be least notleed and least

This leads to "unobtrusive low-key" buildings in places where there was "an oppor-

The commission warns that the replacement of old town centre buildings by new shop-Five on Fareham shortlist ping centres is a "dubious development" that could have disastrous effects on the appear-FIVE architect-developer teams are an Farcham cauncil's shartlist for

The five have been whitiled down from an ariginal 24 applications. They are: Gordon Benoy with Bryant-Samuel Properties; Renton Howard Woad Levin with Heron Property Carparation; Chapman Taylor with Norwich Union Life Assurance Society; Ahrends Burtan & More power

ance and visual amenity of

The report goes on to deplore

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which first appeared in the

"We have seen plans and

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of models is too infrequent.

It also complains that the use

PADDY Brown of Fitzroy Koralek with Trafalgar House Developments; and Leslie Jones with Robinson has been seconded to the project leam working on the including a department stare, and up to 1,300 cars. The scheme must link with the existing shopping centre to the narth of West Street, Fareham. Batlersea Power Station theme park. Construction is expected to start by the end of the year.

Corb must have shuddered at some of the architectural horrors perpetrated in name, but poor old Charles Rennis Mackintosh must be turning in his gran. The art gallary in a autourh of Tokyo, designed by Yoshinori Mori and festerely June's Japan Architect, takes the Glasgow/Japan connection to its simil cooclusion, with its School of Art director's chair/entrace facade.

TCPA backs Consortium plan | Langham site

THE Town & Country Planning Association has supported one of Consortium Developments' new town schemes.

The TCPA is giving ita backing to an application for semi-dereliet land at Bramshill in Hampshire, provided any outline permission includes conditions governing the household mix and land use.

Earlier, the TCPA had ob jeeted to Consortium's other seheme at Tillingham Hall, Essex, because it was in the green

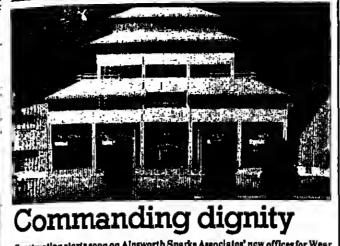
BBC sells

THE BBC's Langham Hold site, which was to bave been occupied by Norman Fosen proposed scheme, has been put ;

The BBC gave an option on the site to Stock Convenien when it bought Stock Conversion's White City site where it will now centralise its radio

But the Stock Convenies option has now lapsed and the BBC is seeking tenders for the freehold 0.66 ha site through agents Richard Ellis.

Hillie in on the same and the same



Construction starts soon on Ainsworth Sparks Associates' new offices for Wear Valley District Councit in Crook, County Durham.

The huilding replaces a promisent isodmark, the Co-operative huilding, and was required to achieve a similarly commanding presence.

The practice says its huilding is "essentially but modestly 20th century, with no attempt to ape ibs past with fashionable pastiche".

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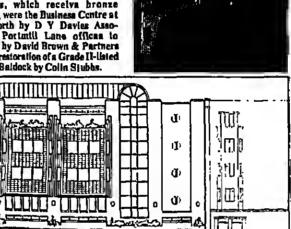
Civic awards announced

News in pictures

North Herifordshire District Council has recently announced the results of its annual civic award scheme, now

is annual civic award scheme, now is its 10th year.

The three full award wioning schemes, which receive bronze plaques, were the Business Centre at Leichworth by D Y Davies Associates, Portmill Lane offices to littchin by David Brown & Partners and the restoration of a Grade Il-listed and the restoration of a Grade II-listed hop in Baldock by Colin Sjubbs.



rench school extension

Just started on site is the £1.8 million extension to the Lycee Francais at South Keasington, London.
Designed by Rosven Vardi with the Bamber Gray Partnership, it will house a symmetry in the basement together with assembly rooms, play area naddining

It is scheduled for completion in 1988.



California-size canvas

THE Blurock Partourship of California are the architects of what is claimed be the world's largest tansioned-fabric stage text.

Built at Mounisio View in Sao Francisco Bay, the £12.6 million shoraling

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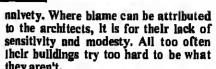


The eagle has landed

"Press release: The Eagla Has Landed, The historical links between the axciting new Capitol Retail Park and ancient Rome were thrown sharply into focus at the official opening of the site an July 18,

"Local councillors together with directors from the Royal London Mutual insurance Society and Pentito the Manchester based developers... were in altendance at the inauguration, the focal point of which was the appearance of a Roman gladiator sporting a superb Tawuy Eagle recreating n piece of history.

"In the distant past the situ at Winery Lane Preston was the site of a Roman Fort. Pentith won the contract in the face of fierce competition," write Pendragon Publicity of Altrincham, omitting to mention the architects, the Keyin Fletcher Smits Partnership of Preston.



ers, too. Their increasing power has meant decisions are increasingly subject to fluctuations in the money markets and they can offer authorities the votecatching carrot of employment prospects. Clvic responsibilities can too easily be ignored or forgotten in the financial and political machinations.

substantial changes in urban infra-stroctures on both sides of the border. A recent visit to Letchworth, which proudly proclaims itself "the world's first Garden City", left mixed impresslons. The foresight and audacity of Parker & Unwin's plonning remains clear, but almost every post-war contribution has detracted from their vision and aome of the most recent developments are embarrassing in their

...or even beautiful

"THOSE bebind many schemes seem to have no idea that they might build

something pleasant, or even beautiful.

They are content with the lowest form of the useful." The 10th report of the Royal

Fine Art Commission for Scotland — for the most part a damning indictment of recent inner-city developments — is an

Important because it represents the

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body briefed to report on schemes in the wider context of public amenity and

artistic importance. And timely because

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they aren't.

Responsibility must lie with develop-

Its publication coincides with a boom in retail development that is bringing about Nonetheless, there are significant signs of changes, partly indicative of a new breed of patron-developers and partly their recognition that good design can pay dividends, if only in expediting planning permissions. Terry Farrell's commissioning for substantial inner-city schemes and the hirings of Richard MacCormac and Leon Krier by rival developers at Spitalfields Market would have been unthinkable as little as five years ago, and such moves con only bode well for our inner cities if they nreseen as



ladicators of a trend that involves thoughtful and sensitive architects in planning decisions.

The possibility of Krier being involved In the master plan of an important lance-London site is particularly intriguing. Over the past decade Krier has been rcaponsible for an influential series of tbeoretical projects examining "the European City", but his attention has rarely been drawn to the city he has made his home. His counter-proposal for the site of the former markets at Les Holles In Paris remains one of his most powerful theoretical statements and Spltalfields Market may offer the most appropriate opportunity to exert real influence and be responsible for "something pleasant, or even beautiful".

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Tonic for Dorset landmark

WITH so much adverse publicity surrounding the outcome of recent architectural competitions, it is encouraging to find Robert Griffin and Martin Ryan's stylish proposal for a new lifeboat station and slipway at Lyme Regis was accepted by the jury in the recent open competition run by West Dorset District Council.

The brief required entrants to come up with suggestions for the improvement of the qunyside adjacent to the Cobb, the Grade I listed harbour wall featured in *The French Lieuten*ant's Woman. The book's author, John Fowles, was a member of the jury, with John Edwards of Pollard Thomas & Edwards and

Howard Tozer of Bruges Tozer. The £250,000 budget was to cover the construction of a public slipwny, a lifebont slip-way and o building liousing the lifeboat, harbour master's office and constguard unit. The brief called for "a sensi-

tive and innovative response to create a building which reflects its practical function within an environment that has to safely accommodate extensive movement of pedestrians and boars,

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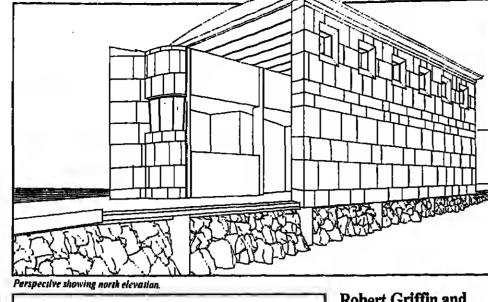
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The Sarum Partnership (second prize, £750)

but at the same time reflect the image of a small working harbour".

An exhibition of entries is to be held in Lyme Regis.

Ian Latham

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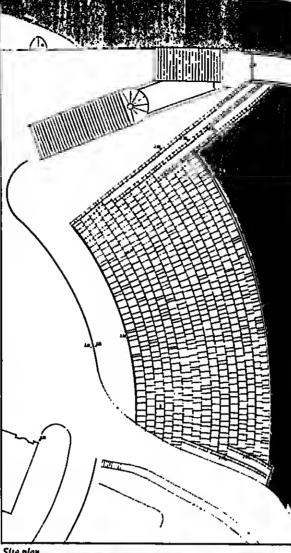
Robert Griffin and Martin Ryan (first prize, £1,500)

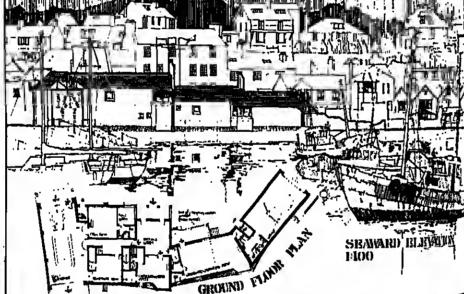
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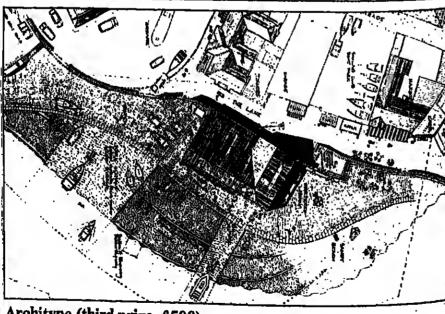
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Architype (third prize, £500)

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ournal (ska The Architect) bylously oncourages wander-

Scorpio

Will the budget stretch to a buffet?

NEWS that Regalian, the dynamic property firm headed by Lee Goldstone, is sponsoring the Building Communities Conference in the aulumn to the tune of £25,000 might be compared with the response from the RIBA.

The institute has let it be known that the conference starring Lord Scarman and Prince Charles - has been "hijsched" by organisers Community Architecture Information Services and Rod Hackney. Calls have been made to sister organisations, I am told, suggesting that they might withdraw their support for the event, due to take place on November 27 and 29 at a yet to be announced venue.

Then the date of the one-day conference being organised at Portland Place by the Group of Eight (chairman, Larry Rolland) on future workload, was switched from December 5 to Novem-

Now I hear that the RIBA is indeed going to play an active part in the event by organising a half-day seminar on November ference. Why just haif a day? The prospect of providing lunch for the delegates would blow the public affairs budgeti

Old guard rises again

THE People's Republic of China has come a long way since the 60s when Chairman Mao's Red Guard destroyed any hisorical artefacts they could get their hands on. Conscruation is now the order of the day. A visitor recently returned from Beijing telis me of a school frustrated in its desire to extend is library because it would have means clearing old trees.

To save noney improving your home. cut out the architect.

Not amused

FULL marks to Spiromega Architects of West London for one of the most striking archi-

test solvertisements since relax-stion of the code. But what will Arcuk's Professional Purposea Committee make of it at their September meeting? Apparently some humourless individuals were upset by the suggestion to cut out the architect."

and heard

EDITORSHIP of the RIBA

lust. Following the recent departure of Jonathan Glancey after a year, comes news that one of his predecessors, Roger Barnard, was to take over the weekly Law Society Gazette at a salary of £25,000.

For some reason which his future employers could not explain, however, the day before he was due to take up the post, he opted out. "We are right back to square one," declared a spokes-man for the society. Helpfully I gave him Glancey's number.

AS Raymond Andrews pon-

ders "will he, won't he' go to the membership over the RIBA presidency, Rod Hackney is raising his profile still further, I hear. He has been invited to address all four party confer-

• THE Fire Brigade migh aptly be renamed the Lift Brigado with the disclosure, for the first time, of the number of eali-outs it had to rescue people. This amounted to 22,100 last year, allhough the number of times people actually got trapped was probably at least twice that But David Fazakerley, dir

ector of the National Associat on of Liftmakers, explains that the total does not seem so bad considering there are 150,000 lifts in the United Kingdom which stop and start about 180

times a day.

The most common cause in one instance was overloading a virtually impossible feat in my experience. The trouble was that the users were of Middle Eastern origin and could not read the warning signs.

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the move from their delightfu Bedford Square offices, to join the pickets at Wapping, I gather, where Fleet Street has now been absorbed in Docklands. Space is going to be so restrictive, however, that their extensive library has been sold to a

second-hand bookshop!

WHAT is it about RIBA
presidents which gives them
such an aversion to practice? When present incumbent Larry Rolland bought a London page he brought in an outside firm of architects to do up the place.

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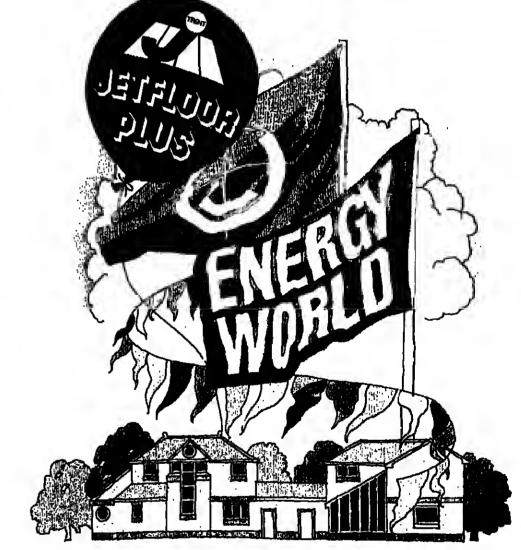
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ition (August 1). I am a textile designer married to one of the competitors. He spent many hours preparing a serious detailed proposal for the building. He also employed a quantity surveyor to estimate for building costs etc and in

My surprise is due to what would seem to be excessive rudenesa and insensitivity on the part of the competition organ-isers for not informing the competitors of the results before publishing them in your news-

I don't want this letter to aound like a sour loser's reaction, but I feel, as one used to being commissioned, and paid, for speculative design work, that when West Dorset District Council has had the benefit of numerous buckshee ideas the From Cliff Rowe very least it could do would be to THE current RAC report on the

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The right to know

IT was with some surprise that noticed the results of the Lyme Regis lifeboat house compe

addition made two visits to Lyme Regia at considerable cost n both his time and fares.

To this date my husband has not been notified of the results. Alison White London N6

Home, sweet

From Andrew Kevorkian AS a Philadelphian, I am writing to complain about the gratuitous attempt at humour (not to mention its unsuitability nnd inaccuracy) in the use of that headline about Philadelphia on the story by Cedric Price (July

It was gratuitous because

there was no mention of Philndelphia in the story; unsuitable because Philadelphia is one o the most enlightened eities i America (if not the world) for urban planning and renewal, for beautification (the I per cent rule for beautification started therel, for preservation of its heritage and awareness of how to live in the 20th century; for its fight against the skyscraper (not eharming, just wise), and for scores of other achievements which your writer should have noted had he ever been there or had he thought to observe and pursue if he has visited. The

Need I remind you, also, that t is a Philadelphian architect who will design the extension to the National Gallery?

writers love to repeat.

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Our architects and planners have had to hear some deserved. and much undescreed fink, over the last 20 years, and I have added my unprofessional bit. The atrange aspect of the whole business is that they have ndicated the real solution in a number of partial ways, but have not yet grasped the technical principle that will provide the ultimate solution, this in my view to their enntinued dislike of mechanised production, distribution and consumption.

CUDAT as catalyst

From Christine Bailey, development officer, ACTAC

"IT is a fundamental principle that no CUDAT should be imposed an a community. Every CUDAT must he invited hy both the lucul enumunity and the luent authority because no team can succeed muless it has the gondwill and support of both elements...the CUDAT must be wanted and needed by n wide speetrum of the com-

Thus states the RIBA in its own guidelines, CUDAT Pracedures, September 1984. It whild seem that while all this is very well in theory, in practise, in Hull, this is far from the case.

In the first instance no community group in Hull has asked the RHA to half u CDDAT. In Southermuton the St Mnry's Street Group did approach the RIBA independently for help: the RIBA suggested in them that a CUDAT might be held if they and their in Hull that the local anthority and the RIBA agreed at the beginning of 1986 that the second CUDAT would take place in the city.

A possible area was suggested to the RIBA by Hull City. eity conneil agreed. It appears,

Council on the basis that the council is not undertaking nny work in the area which might be questioned or criticised by the CUDAT team, as happened in Southampton, and where it was not spending any money, nor la likaly to, aven at the suggestion of the CUDAT. The RIBA seems to have gone nlong with the area selected for it without determining what problems, if any, the CUDAT might find to tackle other than the difficulties which face most inner area communities in our Northern eities, and this area of Hull is by oo meana the worst. So it took the RIBA until July

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more houses on the market then proper competition would result in an improvement in the article being offered. It has always been the result of adequate competition on an open The question is whether we can provide for an adequate and free market without too much damage to the essential community interests which it is the duty of the planning authorities

to protect.
Where planners restrict the aupply of building land below the level of demand there will inevitably be high land costs, inadequate competition, high new house prices and a poorer

articles about the fact that the

private house-builder all too

often offers too small a house

and yet finds willing buyers.

Once again, if there were to be

The right to know

From Alison White IT was with some aurprise that I

noticed the results of the Lyme Regis lifeboat house competion (August 1).

l am a textile designer married to one of the competitors. He spent many hours preparing a serious detailed proposal for the building. He also employed a quantity surveyor to estimate for building costs etc and in addition made two visits to Lyme Regis at considerable cost in both his time and fares.

My surprise is due to what would seem to be excessive rudeneas and insensitivity on the part of the competition organ-isers for not informing the competitors of the results before ublishing them in your news-

paper. I don't want this letter to sound like a sour loser's reaction, but I feel, as one used to for speculative design work, that when West Dorset District Council has had the benefit of numerous buckshee ideas the very least it could do would be to THE current RAC report on the

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helpful appraisal. To this date my husband has not been notified of the results.

Home, sweet

From Andrew Kevorkion AS a Philadelphian, I am writing to complain about the gratuitous attempt at humour (not to mention its unsuitability and inaccuracy) in the use of that headline about Philadelphia on the story by Cedric Price (July

It was gratuitous because there was no mention of Philadelphia in the story; unsuitable because Philadelphia is one of the most enlightened cities in America (if not the world) for urban planning and renewal, for beautification (the 1 per cent rule for beautification started there), for preservation of its heritage and awareness of how to live in the 20th century; for its fight against the skyscraper (not charming, just wise), and for scores of other achievementa which your writer should have noted had he ever been there or lind he thought to observe and pursue if he has visited. The

writers love to repeat. Need I remind you, also, that t is a Philadelphian architect who will design the extension to the National Gallery?

article was inaccurate because

W C Fields never made that statement which ill-informed

Each time I visit Philadelphia. my resolve to stay here weakens as I see yet another exciting, interesting, and people-filled project completed - be it housing or shopping or com-

At any rate, no W C Fields iibes about my city - please.

A motorway revolution

inform the participants of the reaults — preferably with some motorways impels me to make what may be regarded as a startling and perhaps lunatie statement. For many years it has been taken for granted by architects and planners, as well as the public, that motor vehicles and especially the car are the cause of congeation on our roads. The car has been made the universal scapegoat.

But in fact these vehicles are not the cause of congestion. No. not even their numbers. The cause lies in the pattern of the housing and therefore of the roads - the vehicles being an effect, oot a cause. It seems ironic that architects and planners who have been so hostile to the motor vehicle are the unconscioua collaborators in the principle technical cause.

It is not possible to prove this assertion in the space of a letter, but if the RIBA or the RTPI would like details I would be happy to oblige. But I must warn them that if this claim is true then it will mean a revolutionary change in modern planning and architecture. Our architects and planners

have had to hear some deserved, and much undeserved flak, over the last 20 years, and I have added my unprofessional bit. The strange aspect of the whole business is that they have indicated the real solution in a number of partial ways, but have not yet grasped the technical principle that will provide the ultimate solution, due in my view to their continued dislike of mechanised production, distribution and consumption.

CUDAT as catalyst

From Christine Boiley, develop MAPS OFFICE ACTAC

"IT is a fundamental principle that no CUDAT should be imposed on a community. Every CUDAT must be invited by both the local community and the local authority because no team can succeed unless it has the goodwill and support of both elements...the CUDAT must be wanted and needed by a wide spectrum of the eom-

Thus states the RIBA in its own guidelines, CUDAT Procedures, September 1984. It would seem that while all this is very well in theory, in practise, in Huli, this is lar from the chac.

In the first instance no community group in Hull has asked the RIBA to hold a CUDAT. In Southampton the St Mary's Street Group did approach the RIBA independently for help: the RIBA aug-gested to them that a CUDAT might be held if they and their city council agreed. It appears, in Hull that the local authority and the RIBA agreed at the accond CUDAT would take place in the city.

Council on the basis that the council is not undertaking any questioned or criticised by the CUDAT team, as hopposed in a serious in complete in a serious in a se CUDAT team, as happened in Southampton, and where it was not apending any money, nor is of the CUDAT. The RIBA seems to have gone along with the area selected for it without determining what problems, if any, the CUDAT might find to tackle other than the difficulties which face most inner area communities io our Northern cities, and this area of Hull is by no means the worst. So it took the RIB \ until July

17 to first outline its proposals to representatives of the Drypoolpool Green Community Association, With some 750 members it is the largest residents association in this part of

Hull: it represents the whole of the Drypool ward; it runs th community centre situated just outside the proposed boundaries of the CUDAT and has been active for approximately 14 years in total, starting out as the Drypool Action Group, Some of its membership is drawn from part of the area to be subject to the CUDAT. Nevertheless David Atwell told Ken Rowley. ehairman of the association that the RIBA needed to be formally invited in to the area! its members for the CUDAT proceed. Has he changed hi mind I wonder? (BD July 25).

Ken Rowley pointed out to had been supported for the lat five years by its local ACTAC members ABC Archi tects and Builders Co-operative (Hull) and had built its community centre for £25,600 with unpaid labour. The association has plenty of other ideas but lacks access to the financial resources needed to implement these projects.

What the association needs from the CUDAT is not ideas but money. Atwell said this was not the remit of the CUDAT but a grant of £750 from the Community Architecture Fund tectural fees. The Drypool voted unanimously to turn down the offer of the CUDAT.

So what happens next? The RIBA is trying to muster support from other sources. understand it is in contact with the local vicar who fives in the adjoining ward and has been there some two months, and the local schoolmaster, who so far has had no involvement with community groups. There are also a number of individualsho keepers and business interest which could be approached and the Newbridge Community Care Association, a group of k rolumicous who can your repair, and maintenance work for all

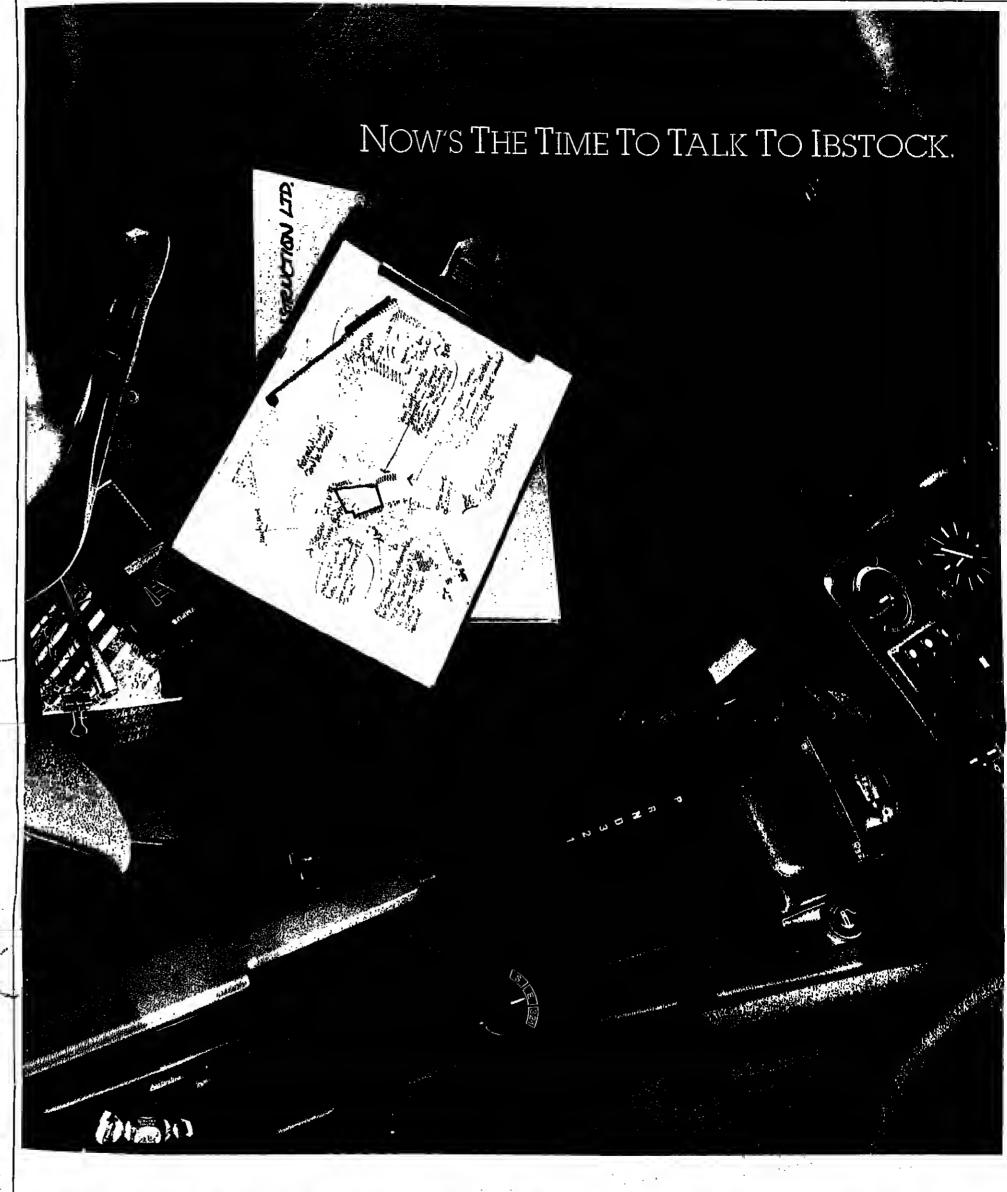
people living in Drypool. What is obviously needed is something different to the CUDAT that was tried in Southampton. Perhaps it should be issue or project-base rather than concentrating on? defined geographical area Itha, clearly got to aim to be a catalyst, to tap and release tothe community the much needs financial resources to trantiat their ideas into reality. If this the case then the Dryppol Gree community the much-need more likely to be supportive

the initiative.

The Association of Conmunity Technical Aid Centes (ACTAC) is a national organ volvement of local commun in land, building and envi mental initiatives. In April 19 ACTAC offered to work with the RIBA on the Hull CUDA providing that the format so approach of the initiality radically altered, that it genuinely wanted by representatives of the local communication A possible area was suggested of the RIBA by Hull City process, that its aims are an all council on the boundary of the local council on the boundary of the local council on the boundary of the local council on the loca ment to long-term profe aupport and financial assiste

proposals. Drypool Green Communication, ACTAC message ABC Architects & Build Co-operative will shall co-operative community initiatives it locality. ACTAC, a talling, time, presumes that the Rise still considering its opposite before responding to it of Christine Balley Liverpool

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RIBA AWARDS 1986

lan Latham reports on the first biennial RIBA Architecture Awards sponsored by the Marley Roof Tile Company. There are seven awards and 23 commendations which will be exhibited after the award presentation on October 9.

THE announcement of the RIBA Architecture Awards is usually greeted with little enthusiasm. The inherent problem lies in the fact that to be eligible for an 86 award. buildings had to be completed between three and eight years ago, so it is more than likely they will be familiar.

This year's crop of seven awards is the most that have been given in recent years. 1981 and 1982 had three, 1984 had three and 1985 had six, but the fact that the scheme is now a biennial event can more than account for such an increase.

Nevertheless, this year's winners are a worthy selection and the twenty-three commendations are not without distinction. The Burrell Gallery and the Royal Concert Hall in Notting-

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ham, already recipients of other a wards, are hardly surprising choices, but the selection of the Friedland (Derek Ryder Nicklin Patnership's Armstrong works and the Michael Blee Partnership's THIS extremely aatisfactory Holy Innocents Church gives overdue recognition to two fine buildings. The inclusion too of David Thurlow's own house is a timely reminder that modesty and simplicity of architectural approach can pny the greatest

That this lesson seems to hold true for nearly all of the thirty premiated projects is nn encouraging sign. The extmvagance and excess that characterises so much of the over-stylish, over-published output of a few practices is not here.

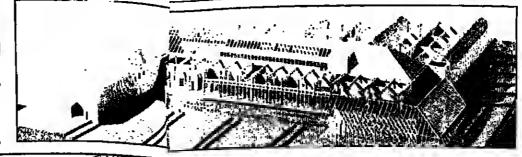
Perhaps this will persuade more architects and clients to put forward their buildings for 1988.

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small building sits confidently between a restored 19th century cotton mill and a larger concreteframed building by the same architect, commended in 1984. It is built on the site of a water

storage lodge, the treatment of which provides the building with a simple brick plinth on which it rests with great elegance. The detailing throughout is meticulous and right. Triangulated slender columns carry the weight of the roof to the slab with efficiency and economy.

The sntisfactory interior space is achieved by care in the use and detailing of construction elements without any superfluous decoration.



The Burrell Gallery, Pollok Park, Glasgow (Barry Gasson Architects)

FROM the outside, high single-storey form gives the right acale for the building to sit comfortably in its mature park setting. Within it a cleverly planned, deep, complex five-storey building. The essential back-up facilities of storage, conservation, administration and plant are deverly hidden so as not to intrude on the main public viewing floor.

Despite the building's depth, orientation is always easy within the gallery, thanks to the simple major route set up around the perimeter of gallery, thanks to the simple major route set up around the perimeter of the building and the strong connection through walls of windows with open park on one side and woods on the other. Particularly on the woods side where the grounds and floor levels coincide, the gallery seems to become almost part of the landscape, a wonderful contrast to the often hermetically scaled, totally internal feel to many gallenes). There are skilful incorporations in the building of historical details from the collection and exceptional care shown in the design of the individual rooms and spaces to suit the particular character (and technical requirements) of each exhibit.





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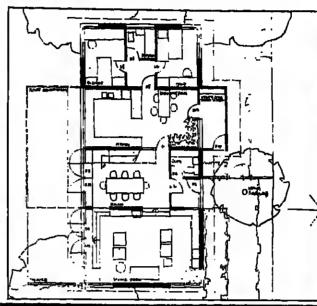
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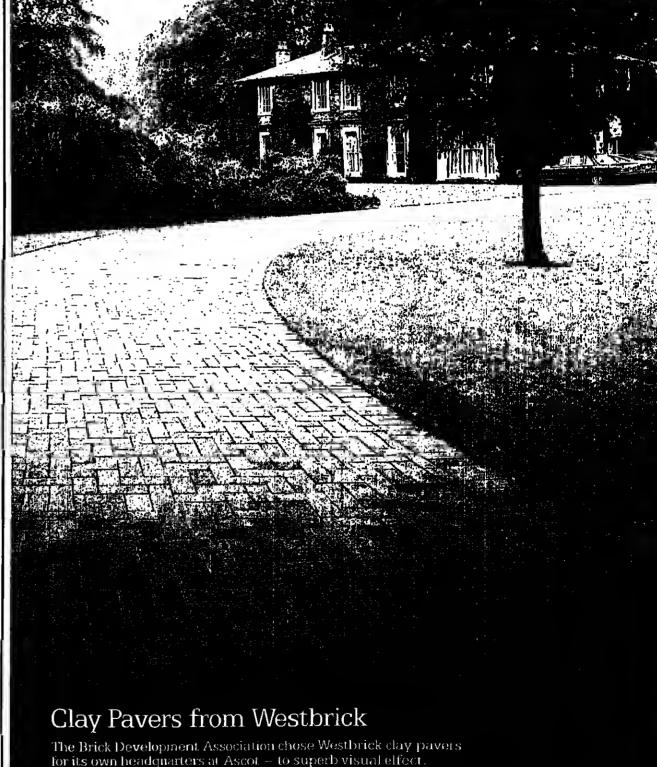
Thurlow House, Cambridge (Cambridge Design, David Thurlow)

AT first glance the house is not striking — the gable onto the road with the projecting verge and eaves, the familiar Cambridge Design team's interesting timber roof structure, with the ends of the rafters pointed. All this is very pleasing. But the interior is magic.

The house is a barn-like structure. A continuous translucent rooflight runs along the ridge and the upperfloor is supported below it like a central gallery. The gaps both sides are spanned by chairlieight solid flooring or shelving in the private areas (bathrooms, grown-upchildren's study, bedroom suites), but are open in the main







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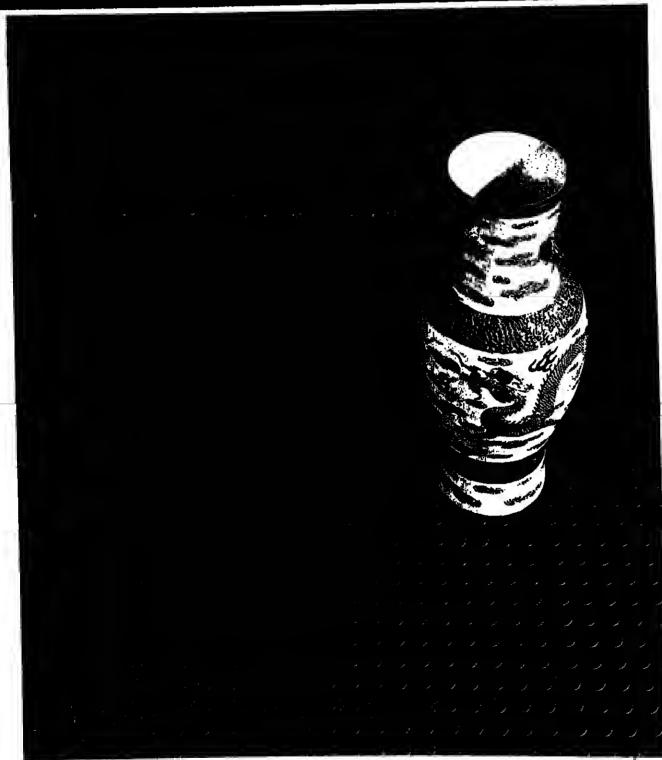
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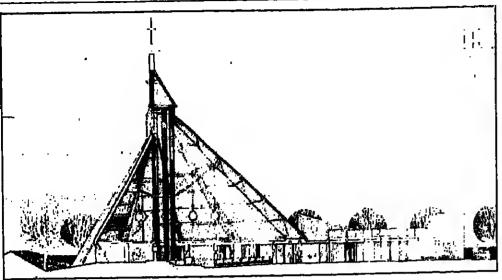
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The Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Innocents, Orpington, Kent (Michael Blee Design Partnership)

THE church is set in a hollow in an area surrounded by typical suburban terrace housing. It appears that the church is successful in attracting full congregations to mass, and has become a popular centre in the neighbourhood for social activities.

The main body of the church seats a congregation of approximately 200 and focuses on the sanctuary with its tabernacle, chairs of office, pulpit and organ. Behind the sanctuary, yet still part of the church space, is a small area that can be used as in intimate chapel, or as an extension of the total congregation.

Around the perimeter but connected to the church naveages series of smaller spaces.

Around the perimeter but connected to the church nave area series of smaller spaces that contain sacristy, confessionals and robing rooms, and spaces for meetings and The jury enjoyed the strong unifying concept of sloping roofs that articulate each part of the church, and rotate around the central tabernacle. The roofs over the outer

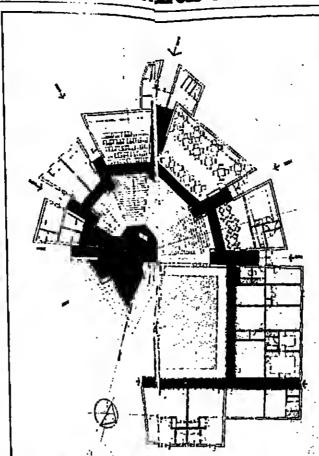
domestic and social spaces are gently sloping and of a lower order to the steeply

pitching roofs over the nave which culminate above the tabernacle in a bell tower and

The roofs not only unify the spaces within but outside provide a roofscape that rises out of the hollow to be seen from afar. From the surrounding streets these slate-covered faceted surfaces are dominant, and entice the pedestrian down and around the church

The jury appreciated many of the objects that have been designed for the church especially the pews, the sanctuary furniture, the organ and the chandelier lights. In condusion the jury were manimous in recommending that this building should

They were particularly impressed by the quality of the formal concept, of its appropriateness and of its control, and the way this concept was developed through the structural system.



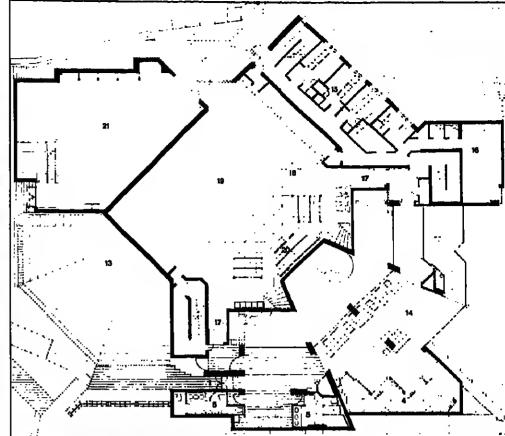
First-floor plan of the Holy Innoces



Dundee Repertory Theatre, Dundee (Nicholl Russell Studio)

IN contrast to the Burrell, the Dundee Repertory Theatre is a considerable achievement on a low budget almost 16 times smaller. On a tight site in the corner of an incomplete Georg-ian Square, a fully equipped regional theatre has been neatly litted into the city fabric. It has enjoyed immense success not just with theatre-goers but as a meeting place for the whole community.

The jury was particularly impressed with the efficient planning of the building on this small site. There seems to be no wasted or badly used space. All sides of the building are carefully eonsidered. At the rear the ground and building are shaped to provide an amphitheatre (not yet used). Interest and continuity are developed throughout the building with the recurring, slightly quirky triangular motif and same materials of stained wood, concrete block and exposed concrete. The jury considers the theatre represents exceptionally good value at £1.2

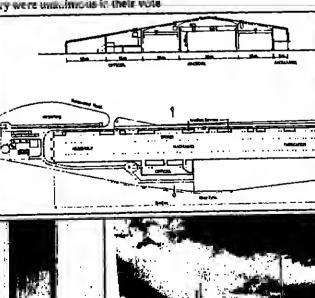


Second-Roor plan of Dundee Repertory Theatre-

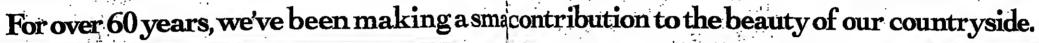
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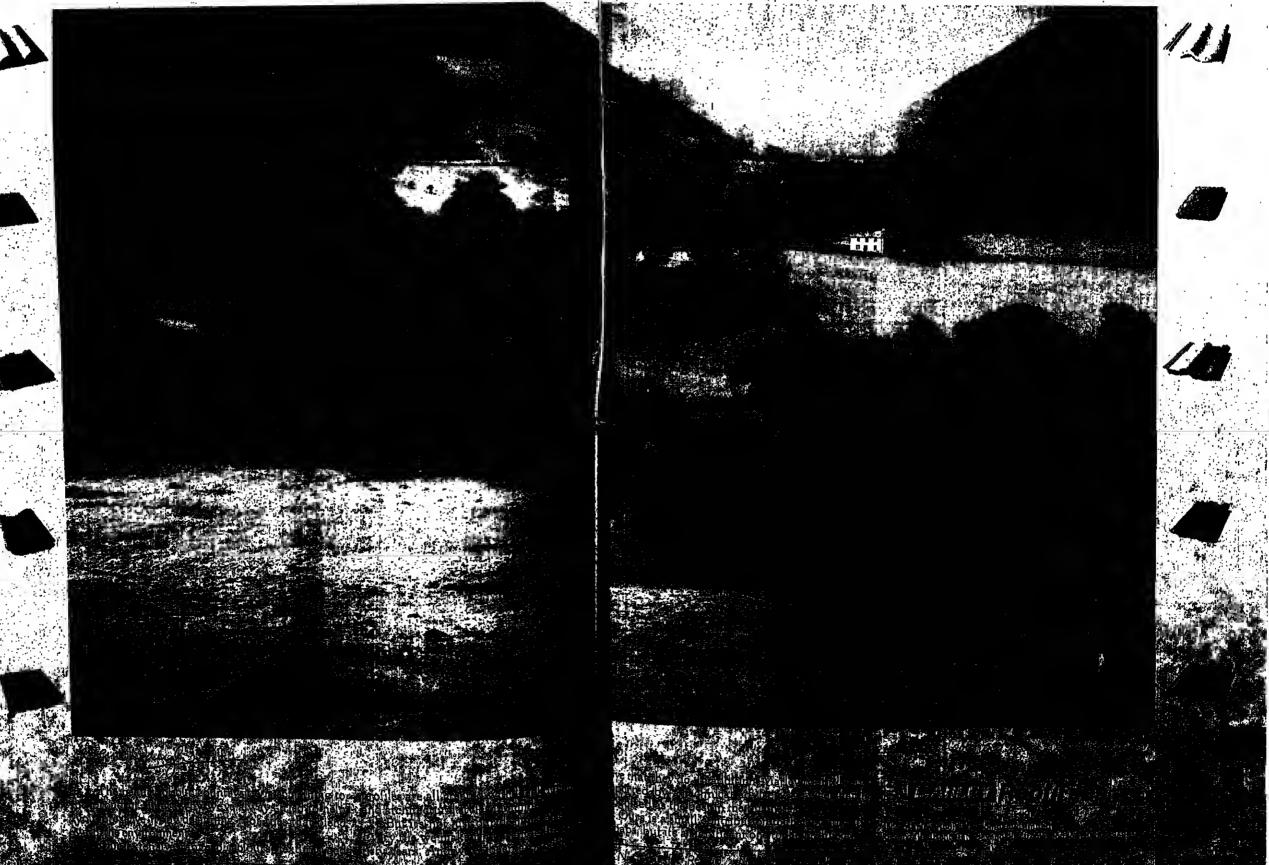
(Ryder Nicklin Partnership)

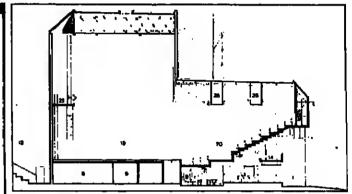
THIS building for Vickers plc by the Ryder Nicklin Partnership is immediately impressive both in its size, it is 600m long, and the elegant simplicity of both the idea and execution. It brings together, quite literally under one roof, several different organisations within the Viekers Group involved in the construction of tanks. It is probably an equal tribute both to the client and the architect that such an organised and excellent piece of a rehitecture has resulted. The members of the firm that were met on the visit, ranging from directors to men on the shop floor, have no pretentions about what is their aim, to produce a well made product in a workman-like manner. It is rare to find that the architect has matched the client's own abilities. There are no frills at the Armstrong Works, every single element of the building and the details of construction have and know their place. This building lifts the ordinary and the expedient to a level of simple enjoyment in a manner that is extremely rare. The jury were unanimous in their vote



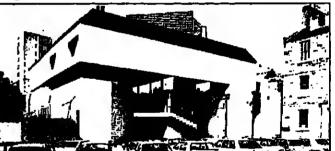








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Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (Renton Howard Wood Levin Partnership)

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materials. Back-stage and service accommodation is competently handled in every respect. The quality of construction seems uniformly high.



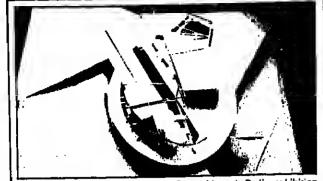
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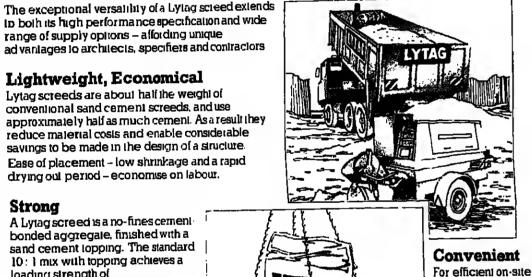
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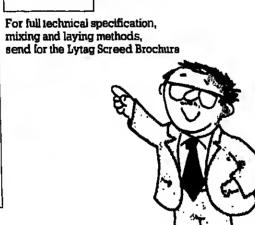


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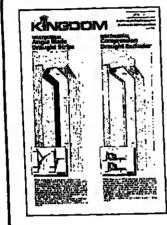
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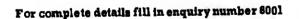
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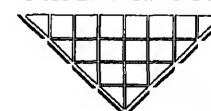
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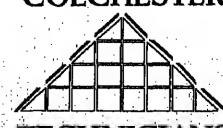




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